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**From:** Wirick, Holiday [wirick.holiday@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/14/2022 7:26:48 PM  
**To:** Wax, Peter N. [pwax@nd.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Enjoy the weekend

Thanks Pete. Great advice! I hope you do the same!

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**From:** Wax, Peter N. <pwax@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 12:23 PM  
**To:** Wirick, Holiday <wirick.holiday@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Enjoy the weekend

Holly:

It is really okay. Everyone is working to get the best thing. There is some friction. Natural. It also is the way to get the best result.

I am putting together a public notice to solicit comment on the entire Water Quality Standards.

Hopefully it will go out the second or third week of February.

After the public hearing, will add the proposed updates (like Cyanbacteria, Aluminum) and go back out for public notice in the summer.

Visit the legal and legislative process one more time next fall/winter.

Hg???? Not worth thinking about until Tuesday next week.

Sleep in,  
have a real breakfast,  
sing a song,  
refresh.

Sincerely,

Pete

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**From:** Wirick, Holiday <wirick.holiday@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 1:09 PM  
**To:** Wax, Peter N. <pwax@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Call yesterday

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I hope someday we can laugh at this...

Have an absolutely fantastic weekend!

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**From:** Wax, Peter N. <pwax@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 11:52 AM  
**To:** Wirick, Holiday <wirick.holiday@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Call yesterday

I believe it went well.

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**From:** Wirick, Holiday <[wirick.holiday@epa.gov](mailto:wirick.holiday@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 11:05 AM  
**To:** Wax, Peter N. <[pwax@nd.gov](mailto:pwax@nd.gov)>  
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I'm with you. You certainly won't hear a peep out of me!

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**From:** Wax, Peter N. <[pwax@nd.gov](mailto:pwax@nd.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 9:58 AM  
**To:** Wirick, Holiday <[wirick.holiday@epa.gov](mailto:wirick.holiday@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Call yesterday

Dear Holly:

We should be good. I do not plan on being the center of attention.

As for the other call: *"do you know whether ND DEQ would be interested in a call with folks from EPA's Office of Water and its Health & Ecological Criteria Division in a couple weeks? They'd like to talk more about underlying data and what you may need to show numbers are protective of aquatic life in North Dakota. I can give you more information."*

Lets wait until after today to see where things are going.

Looking forward to a three day weekend.

Pete

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**From:** Wirick, Holiday <[wirick.holiday@epa.gov](mailto:wirick.holiday@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 10:15 AM  
**To:** Wax, Peter N. <[pwax@nd.gov](mailto:pwax@nd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Call yesterday

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Hi Pete, so sorry I couldn't talk yesterday but had a call with USGS and MHA regarding lab issues right when you called - and I didn't want to bother you on your off hours. Feel free to call if you would like to chat prior to our call that's scheduled during your lunch hour (sorry about that!)